MINUTES OF GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

WILLIAMSON COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT

September 15, 2023

Regular WCES Conference Room 7:30 A.M.

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GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT ABSENT

Kathy Clark, Unit 1 Chris Cullum, Unit 1

Becky Moss, Unit 2 David Schwartz, Unit 5

Sy Stone, Unit 3

Nathaniel Wilson, Unit 4

Keith Liddell, Unit 5

Jared Garrison, Unit 2

John Killman, Unit 3

Steve Robinson, Unit 4

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Jami Hodge

Jenny Malanowski, Treasurer

Kristi White, WCEA Representative

Chairman Kathy Clark called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Roll call was taken with Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Moss, Mr. Stone, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Liddell, Mr. Garrison, Mr. Killman, and Mr. Robinson were in attendance.

There was no visitor participation.

Mrs. Clark recognized Mrs. Hodge for director’s remarks:

**Overview**

* WCES is the financial agent of PreK, Special Ed and CTE
* State and Federally Funded (local funds are the majority)
* Intergovernmental Agreement with all five districts
* Governing Board meets twice a year

**PreK**

* 100% State Funded & based on the number of slots
* Competitive Grant – Every five years
* Outgrown grant with salaries ($2 million)
* Monitoring every four years and stringent requirements (measuring toys/mulch)
* Grant previously paid for supplies, snacks, Professional Development, travel mileage but running out of funds
* Monies for PreK can’t come from CTE or special education
* New pot of money created for District Assessment – Divided into 5
* Governor talks about Early Childhood but that money can go to daycares, doctors, early intervention and the school is not seeing that money
* Universal Prek - meaning PreK is a requirement of all public schools. No one turned away. Current PreK setup is At Risk and a waiting list
* Notice of Monitoring
* PreK space – no room for growth (spaces in school are all tight)
* Fully staffed in PreK

**Special Education**

* State and Federal criteria and mandates
* Compliance in mandates and laws
* 77% is local money (not all state and federal money)
* $18.5 million budget
* Service provider
* Budget very simple
* Medicaid reimbursement
* No longer able to pool resources. Money has to follow the student and some students are very expensive (nursing care, etc.)
* Increased paras by 20
* Students are more significant and require more staffing
* Behavior – off the charts everywhere
* Increase in residential placements
* Therapeutic Day Centers
* Districts are still responsible for students if go to facilities for treatment
* Paperwork increase
* Teacher Shortage
* Employ 351 people – 22 school buildings plus the learning center

CTE

* CTE small amount of money - $500,000 for whole county
* CTE staff employed by district
* Grant monitors
* Paperwork has increased
* Federal level came down on Illinois and therefore they are coming down on districts hard
* “Stay in your Lane” – teaching for an approved program – keeping on track for career
* CTE teachers – most have PEL
* 8,000 hours in industry and can get certification
* Partnered with Oasis and now teaching power sports class.
* HVAC, Concrete Finishers – Trades classes
* Ed Track Teacher Program
* Schedules from students don’t match up to take classes in other districts oftentimes
* JC – online courses for kids who can’t make schedule work and enables to attend district classes
* Certificates, Credits – through John A. Logan

Mr. Killman made the motion to accept the minutes of the last Governing Board meeting on March 10, 2023, as presented. Motion was seconded by Mr. Robinson

Members Clark, Moss, Stone, Wilson, Liddell, Garrison, Killman and Robinson voted “yea”. Motion carried.

Mr. Killman made the motion to accept the employment of personnel by the Executive Board March 2023 through August 2023 as presented in Attachment 2. Mr. Stone seconded the motion.

Members Clark, Moss, Stone, Wilson, Liddell, Garrison, Killman and Robinson voted “yea”. Motion carried.

Mrs. Moss made the motion to accept the minutes of WCES Executive Committee March 2023 through August 2023 as presented in Attachment 3. Mr. Killman seconded the motion.

Members Clark, Moss, Stone, Wilson, Liddell, Garrison, Killman and Robinson voted “yea”. Motion carried.

Mr. Stone made the motion to accept the minutes of the WCECC Executive Committee March 2023 through August 2023 as presented in Attachment 4. Mrs. Moss seconded the motion.

Members Clark, Moss, Stone, Wilson, Liddell, Garrison, Killman and Robinson voted “yea”. Motion carried.

Mr. Killman made the motion to accept the minutes of the WCCTE Board of Control March 2023 through August 2023 as presented in Attachment 5. Mr. Stone seconded the motion.

Members Clark, Moss, Stone, Wilson, Liddell, Garrison, Killman and Robinson voted “yea”. Motion carried.

Mr. Wilson made the motion to accept the FY24 WCES/WCECC Budget as presented in Attachment 6. Mrs. Moss seconded the motion.

Upon roll call, Members Clark, Moss, Stone, Wilson, Liddell, Garrison, Killman and Robinson voted “yea”. Motion carried.

Mr. Wilson made the motion to accept the FY24 WCCTE Budget as presented in Attachment 7. Mr. Killman seconded the motion.

Upon roll call, Members Clark, Moss, Stone, Wilson, Liddell, Garrison, Killman and Robinson voted “yea”. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report Presented

No Questions or Miscellaneous Information.

Mr. Stone made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Moss seconded the motion.

Members Clark, Moss, Stone, Wilson, Liddell, Garrison, Killman and Robinson voted “yea”. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

MINUTES ATTESTED TO:

Kathy Clark, Chairman Jared Garrison, Secretary